

Little Cottonwood Creek Distribution Water Users Committee
Meeting Minutes Of July 10, 2008
Held At 4:00 PM

Place: Murray City Power Plant, 153 West 4800 South

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PRESENT:

IRRIGATORS GROUP:

- Mike Black, Tanner Ditch Company
- Craig Johnson, Richards Ditch Company
- Ron Vance, South Despain Ditch Company

MUNICIPAL GROUP:

- Peggy Garcia, SLC Public Utilities
- Glen Lundberg, Murray City
- Rod Sorensen, Sandy City

OTHER IN ATTENDANCE:

- Max Reese, Creek Commissioner
- Tim O'Hara, Creek Commissioner
- David Maiorano, SLC Public Utilities
- Jim Wilson, LCCC Secretary

→ Michael Daniels

Mike Black extended a welcome to all in attendance.

A copy of the minutes from the prior meeting held April 17, 2008 was distributed for review. A correction was noted to the spelling on David Maiorano. The minutes were approved subject to the correction noted following a motion by Peggy Garcia and second by Craig Johnson. This motion carried.

The Creek Commissioner's Report was presented jointly by Tim O'Hara and Max Reese. Tim stated that this was a good water season and run-off is expected to continue through July 24th and possibly longer on surplus. Rod Sorensen advised that Bell Canyon was finished running into Little Cottonwood Creek for this year. Rod was informed by the Co-Commissioners that the reading for flow at Metro was more accurate than last year, but it was reading it as gallons instead of CFS, which would make it over 400 times understated.

Rod Sorensen advised that work to build a new Cut-Off Savings would begin this year upstream from the old structure. Craig Johnson made a motion to move the cut-off savings ditch diversion up stream to Sandy City property in order to allow more efficient access. This motion was seconded by Peggy Garcia and approved by the Committee. This motion carried.

Tim O'Hara reported that the opening of the Sandy ditch was plugged with rocks & other debris due to the new structure which was built by Metro a couple of years ago. He suggested an outlet from the Sandy ditch just past the intake which could be opened to wash the inlet clean.

The 6 inch valves at the Y which are used to put water into the creek from the penstock were hard to locate this year. There had been road construction and the West valve was buried. The County finally used their metal detector to locate the opening so the water could be turned into the South Despain and South Despain Extension.

The overflow reading at Metro shows lots of variation. For example, on one day the range was from 160 CFS in a matter of 30 seconds. The manual gauge at the outlet weir has proven to be less accurate as well as the gauge used by SLC in the stilling well. It is estimated by Murray Power and the Treatment Plant that the maximum flow of the penstock is from 165 CFS to 180 CFS. On occasion, the total of the overflow, farmer's gate, Sandy siphon and the trailrace is over 200 CFS. Something is not adding up. The Water Commissioners have no independent way to reconcile these discrepancies.

Approximately one week was required to repair the damage to the Union Jordan surplus lift gate that the County ruined this spring when moving equipment down the creek bottom. The Water Commissioners working with Metro, Union and Jordan surplus, and the County kept most of the water out of the creek for about one week so the concrete and iron work could be completed by the County. The Water Commissioners were vital to coordinate this effort.

Maximum official flow of the creek as recorded by the Water Commissioner was June 21 at 528 CFS. Max's personal estimate of peak flow as determined by years of experience at the Little Cottonwood Tanner Ditch head gate was late in the evening of June 17 at 620 CFS.

No other business was brought up.

The next meeting was set for 4:00 p.m. Thursday, October 16, 2008 at the Murray City Power Office.

Motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. was made by Peggy Garcia and seconded by Rod Sorensen. This motion carried.